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- 1.(C) Summary. Bahrain is in the early stages of mapping out a nuclear energy strategy for the longer term, according to a key minister. Bahrai
- 2.(C) Minister of Oil and Gas Affairs Dr. Abdul Hussein Ali Mirza told CDA May 7 that the Bahraini government is selecting the membership of ar
- 3.(C) Mirza said that while Bahraini officials wished to explore the feasibility of developing nuclear energy, there had so far been "no decisi
- 4.(C) Mirza said Bahrain continues its efforts to obtain cheap natural gas from Saudi Arabia, Qatar or Iran. Iran remained the most forthcoming
- 5.(C) CDA reminded Mirza that the U.S. objected strongly to any such deal. Mirza reiterated that Iranian gas was Bahrain's least favored option

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